

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 10, line 22 to page 11, line 4, as follows (a version marked to show the changes is appended):

--In step 4, based on the image-formation data generated by the division, image data is generated in the image memory 4. When the generating of the image data is complete, the generated image data is transferred to the printer 5, in which an image is formed on paper, based on the transferred image data (step 6). In steps 1 to 6, the image formation apparatus 1 performs a process from the job data reception to completion of printing.--

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 11, lines 13 to 24, as follows (a version marked to show the changes is appended):

--Referring to Fig. 3, when the history management unit 7 starts to operate (step 10), it awaits being notified of the utilizing information by the image formation apparatus 1, and proceeds to step 12 when being notified (step 11). In step 12, the history management unit 7 accesses the user's utilizing information which is internally stored, and determines whether the total number of printouts is less than a preset maximum number of outputable sheets. If the total number is within the preset maximum number, the history management unit 7 proceeds to step 14. If the total number exceeds the preset maximum number, the history management unit 7 proceeds to step 13 (step 12).--